



# Energy Attorney

## CAREER OUTLOOK <sup>3</sup>

All jobs in the energy sector are predicted to grow steadily. It is important to note that attorneys in private practice tend to make less than those who work for firms.

**Projected job growth:**  
9% (2020–2030)

**Average salary range:**  
\$126,930/year

An **energy attorney** is an expert in all things energy—energy law, policy, regulations, and energy use. They understand how companies can harvest, create, and distribute energy. They may work in a variety of sectors, including nuclear power, oil, gas, or renewable energy. The responsibilities of an energy attorney could include contracts for energy, purchasing power, pipeline agreements, or representing companies that mine or sell natural resources like gas and coal. They will offer guidance to the executive staff of energy companies for risk management and to assure that there is regulatory and environmental compliance. Like other lawyers, they will also work on litigation, settlements, and lawsuits when needed.

## WHAT IS AN ENERGY ATTORNEY? <sup>1,2</sup>

**Energy attorneys** are forward-thinking lawyers whose expertise lies in energy law and policy. They offer legal guidance for the executive staff of natural energy companies as they assure compliance with environmental policies and regulations. They represent their clients in legal disputes. Energy attorneys compose legal contracts and work with energy companies on safety and risk management. Their work is important in providing energy to consumers throughout the world in an ethical and environmentally responsible way.

## IS ENERGY ATTORNEY A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Energy attorneys are:

- Complex problem solvers.
- Confident public speakers.
- Excellent communicators.
- Detail oriented.
- Creative.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Career/Energy-Attorney/What-Is-How-to-Become>

<sup>2</sup> <https://bit.ly/3GFOCBW>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/legal/lawyers.htm>



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## AM I...

- A problem solver?
- Confident?
- Detail oriented?

## DO I...

- Enjoy giving speeches?
- Plan things out in advance?
- Communicate well?

## HOW DO I BECOME AN ENERGY ATTORNEY?

You will need to:

- take classes in life sciences, biology, and speech.
- develop your communication and leadership skills.
- study environmental science and law in college.
- find an internship with a law firm or government environmental agency.